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SUBJECT: MBFR: PUBLIC AFFAIRS: DABROWA'S POST-PLENARY PRESS
CONFERENCE, JANUARY 30, 1976

BEGIN SUMMARY: PLISH REP DABROWA'S POST-PLENARY PRESS
CONFERENCE ATTRACTED 15-20 WORKING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.
IN DESCRIBING PROBLEMS FACING NEGOTIATORS, DABROWA
REPEATED STANDARD EASTERN LINE THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
MUST REDUCE ACROSS-THE-BOARD FROM THE OUTSET. HE DEMANDED
THAT ALL MUST SPECIFY "PRECISELY WHAT, WHEN AND HOW" EACH IS
GOING TO REDUCE, SO THAT EACH WOULD KNOW WHAT REDUCTION
OBLIGATIONS ALL ARE READY TO UNDERTAKE. HE CRITICIZED WESTERN
PROPOSALS, CONTENDING THAT ASYMMETRICAL REDUCTIONS AND
COLLECTIVE CEILINGS WOULD DIMINISH PACT SECURITY.

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HE SAID EARLIER PACT PROPOSALS, SUCH AS "INITIAL STEPS" AND

TROOP FREEZE, WERE "CONTINUOUSLY TOPICAL". THE POLISH DELEGATION HEAD ALSO DWELT ON POTENTIAL FOR PROGRESS IN FORCES DEFINITION DISCUSSION. ON OPTION III, DABROWA COMPRESSED INTO ONE PARAGRAPH RECOGNITION OF EXISTENCE OF OFFER AND REPEATED SOCIALIST DEMANDS FOR INCLUSION OF SUCH WEAPONS, BUT THEN CONCLUDED THAT "CONSTRUCTIVE UTILIZATION" OF THE DECEMBER 16 PROPOSAL WAS "SERIOUSLY DIMINISHED" BY ITS LINKAGE TO "UNACCEPTABLE" WESTERN REDUCTION SCHEME AS A WHOLE. IN FOLLOW-UP QS AND AS (SEPTTEL) DABROWA AVOIDED DIRECT RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING WHETHER PACT HAD REJECTED OFFER BY SAYING THAT THIS PROPOSAL "WILL OBVIOUSLY BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS NOW ON THE TABLE DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS". IN RESPONSE TO RELATED QUESTION, HE DREW ON HIS PLENARY STATEMENT SAYING THAT NUCLEAR OFFER WAS "JUST ONE OF PROPOSALS" NOW BEFORE DELEGATES WHICH WARSAW PACT "TREATS LIKE ANY OTHER SUBMITTED SO FAR". END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

1. I AM PLEASED TO MEET YOU ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE NEW ROUND OF THE TALKS ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

2. FROM THE VERY OUTSET PERMIT ME TO UNDERLINE THAT PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN VIENNA BELONG TO THE TOP PRIORITIES OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF POLAND. THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY, EDWARD GIEREK, EMPHASIZED THE ISSUE BY STATING AT THE VIITH CONGRESS OF THE PARTY LAST DECEMBER THAT: "WE ARE IN FAVOUR OF SUPPLEMENTING POLITICAL DETENTE WITH MILITARY DETENTE. THUS, OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE FOR OUR CONTINENT ARE THE VIENNA TALKS ON REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE".

3. HAVING THIS IN MIND, WE ARRIVED FOR THE CURRENT ROUND READY FOR FURTHER UNWAVERING EFFORT TOWARDS PROGRESS HERE.

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4. THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE 7TH AND THE 8TH ROUND WE HAVE UTILIZED FOR REFLECTION ON AND ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH EMERGED IN THE PAST ROUNDS OF DISCUSSION.

5. THIS ANALYSIS HAS DEEPENED OUR CONVICTION CONCERNING THE SUBSTANTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE UNDERTAKING OF MUTUAL REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS BY THE ELEVEN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS

OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, OF THE CARRYING OUT THE REDUCTION
PROCESS ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS, AND OF THE INCLUSION UNDER
THE REDUCTION OF ALL KINDS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS
IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

6. THIS SHOULD MEAN, INTER ALIA, THAT: FIRSTLY, EACH OF
THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS MUST UNEQUIVOCALLY AND PRECISELY
SPECIFY WHAT, WHEN AND HOW IT IS GOING TO REDUCE; AND SECONDLY,
EACH OF THEM SHOULD ACCURATELY KNOW WHAT REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS
ALL REMAINING DIRECT PARTICIPANTS ARE READY TO UNDERTAKE.

7. THIS IS A PROCEDURE GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE PRACTICE
OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. IT WOULD AMOUNT TO THE JUST
AND FREE FROM ANY DISCRIMINATION TREATMENT OF ALL DIRECT
PARTICIPANTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, LEADING TO AN EFFECTIVE
STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND INCREASING OF CONFIDENCE AS
WELL AS CESSATION OF ARMS RACE IN EUROPE.

8. THIS IS NOT PROVIDED IN THE WESTERN "OUTLINE OF PROPOSALS"
WHICH BY WAY OF "ASYMMETRICAL" REDUCTIONS AND "COLLECTIVE
CEILNGS" WOULD WIMINISH THE SECURITY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES
AND WOULD LEAD TO THE EXCLUSION FROM REDUCATIONS OF 75 PER CENT
OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS OF THE NATO IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

9. THE AVOIDANCE OF DEFINITE REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS BY
THE WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES AND THE INSISTENCE ON THE "ASYMME-
TRICAL" REDUCTIONS BY THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS, ARE THE MAIN
REASONS WHY, BY THE END OF JANUARY 1976, WE ARE STILL TALKING
ABOUT PRINCIPLES OF REDUCTION INSTEAD OF DISCUSSING PRACTICAL
REDUCTION STEPS.

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10. THE DRAFT REDUCTION AGREEMENT OF 8 NOVEMBER 1973, SUBMITTED BY THE FOUR SOCIALIST STATES, IS BASED ON THE AGREED PRINCIPLES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND FULLY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE SECURITY CONCERNS OF EACH OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, AND WUROP AS A WHOLE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS DRAFT, ALONG WITH THE SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS MADE WITH DUE ATTENTION TO CERTAIN POSTULATES OF THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS, MAINTAINS ITS FULL VALIDITY AT THE CURRENT STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

11. IN ADDITION TO OUR COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT AGREEMENT, THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE PROPOSED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCRETE REDUCTIONS UNDER AN "INITIAL STEP" ARRANGEMENT, DECLARING THEIR READINESS TO RECIPROCALLY REDUCE ARMED FORCES BY MANY THOUSAND SOLDIERS TOGETHER WITH THEIR ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. THIS REDUCTION PROPOSAL REMAINS VALID.
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12. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YET ANOTHER IMPORTANT PROPOSAL OF THE SOCIALIST STATES WOULD VERY SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHERING OF THE GOOD CLIMATE OF OUR TALKS AND TO THE GROWTH IN CONFIDENCE ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT. I HAVE IN MIND THE PROPOSAL ON THE NON-INCREASE OF NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF ARMED FORCES OF THE ELEVEN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS. WE THINK THIS OFFER TO BE CONTINUOUSLY TOPICAL.

13. IN OUR OPINION, THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS COULD BE WELL SERVED BY AN AGREEMENT ON THE DEFINITION OF WHICH FORCES IN THE AREA SHOULD BE INCLUDED - FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS - INTO GROUND OR AIR FORCES RESPECTIVELY. IT WOULD MEAN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGREED UPON NOMENCLATURE TO BE USED BY THE PARTICIPANTS AND WOULD FACILITATE SOLVING CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. THAT IS WHY WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THIS SEEMINGLY TECHNICAL QUESTION. I HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AN UNDER-

STANDING ON THIS MATTER DURING THE PRESENT ROUND.

14. TOWARDS THE END OF THE LAST ROUND THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO INCLUDE UNDER REDUCTION A CERTAIN PART OF THE AMERICAN TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AS YOU KNOW, THE SOCIALIST STATES FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF THESE TALKS HAVE STOOD FOR THE REDUCTION OF ALL KINDS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMEMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ARMS. ONE CAN NOT FAIL NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE UTILIZATION OF THE PROPOSAL OF 16 DECEMBER 1975 IS SERIOUSLY DIMINISHED BY THE FACT THAT THE WESTERN STATES MAKE IT DEPENDENT UPON THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE SOCIALIST STATES OF THEIR ENTIRE REDUCTION SCHEME WHICH - AS WE HAVE EXPLAINED MORE THAN ONCE - IS UNACCEPTABLE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

15. DIFFICULTIES IN THE TALKS HELD SO FAR DO NOT DISCOURAGE THE DELEGATIONS OF THE SOCIALIST STATES. HOWEVER, WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE STRIVING OF CERTAIN WESTERN STATES TO EXPAND THEIR ARMED FORCES AND ARMEMENTS INSTEAD OF EFFECTING THEIR LIMITATION AND REDUCTION.

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16. I THINK THAT THE PRESS, OTHER MASS MEDIA AS WELL AS BROAD PUBLIC OPINION COULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN REVERSING THE DIRECTION OF THESE DISTURBING TRENDS.

17. I ALSO DO HOPE THAT THE NEW ROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BRING OUR GOVERNMENTS CLOSER TO THE MOMENT OF UNDERTAKING DEFINITE STEPS IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY DETENTE IN EUROPE.

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